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THE PEOPLE'S MONEY.

A lawyer, that is, one who is worth consideration as a member of the legal fraternity, will always make the hardest fight and prepare the strongest brief on a comparatively hopeless case. He has nothing to depend on except to prey upon the sympathy of the jury which confronts him or tire them by extensive argument in an endeavor to prove that his cause is just. In yesterday's (Tuesday), Mr. A. J. Wedderburn in an article which made more than a column in this paper, vainly attempts to lead to the skies the members of Council who voted to appropriate \$800 to meet a deficiency created by committees representing "Home-coming Week," a proposition which had its birth in the brain of the writer of yesterday's article, and with which the city had nothing to do—except that Council gave them the amount asked for, and, in addition, appropriated \$200 for extra police protection.

Consistency is a jewel with which I am prone to believe Mr. Wedderburn is a stranger and if he does not form its acquaintance soon he will be relegated to that galaxy of shining "has-beens." No man in town knows it all, although one claims this distinction. Mr. Wedderburn, a day or two ago, in a spirited argument, admitted that Council had no right to make this appropriation direct, and said he had prepared a resolution giving the city a few of the assets in the shape of pilasters and flower boxes of the court of honor in return for the money. This, like many others of his wise suggestions, did not suit those who came in at the eleventh hour and swallowed up the honor after Mr. Wedderburn had borne the heat and burden of the proposition, and fell on deaf ears; the wisecracks knew better. If ever beyond this vale of tears there is a place for the persecuted and maligned and those of a forgiving spirit like Mr. Wedderburn, notwithstanding the indignities heaped upon him, he ought to stand head and shoulders above any I know today.

As stated above, Mr. A. J. Wedderburn was the father of the whole proposition, in fact, was the whole thing—appointed committees at will, some of which never held a meeting and some members of which never knew of their appointment. Like the spider, he wove a web around some of the best citizens. Little interest was taken until the word went forth that Congressmen Carlin and a committee had invited President Taft, the vice-president, the speaker of the house, the governor of Virginia, the president's cabinet, the senate and house of representatives, and that they had accepted the invitation to be present. Then dullness gave way to activity and those who scorned the proposition at first fell over each other in an attempt to be leaders.

The first step was to get rid of the prime mover—Mr. Wedderburn. This they did when at a meeting they ousted him and elected Mr. J. Y. Williams in his stead. This isn't the end. The committee subsequently held a meeting at which they wanted him to be conspicuous by his absence, but Mr. Wedderburn, by virtue of his membership on the executive committee, appeared on the scene, much to the discomfort of the rest. Immediately the telephone bell rang and Mr. Wedderburn was needed right away at Dr. Gibson's drug store, about a half mile away. Thinking something wrong Mr. Wedderburn engaged in a conversation as to who wanted him and for what purpose and while the conversation between Mr. Wedderburn and the imaginary party was going on over the phone the committee made their escape.

A man of a forgiving disposition like Mr. Wedderburn's and one with a conscience so spongy that one day he admits an appropriation is illegal and the next day places those who vote for it on the pinnacle of fame, is deserving of something better than what he now possesses. Let anyone show any tangible reason why the city should pay this \$800 or any part of it and I think the entire membership of Council would vote for it. Because the city did not contribute of his means for the support of the proposition it doesn't necessarily imply that he is undesirable or a scoundrel as the writer of yesterday's article would infer.

One of the gentlemen "roped in" as a leader in this movement said yesterday that it had already cost him \$300 and he said he did not know whether all the bills were in as yet. He had one satisfaction, however, for he was told he looked well on horseback. The article signed "X" made no reflection, direct or by insinuation, on any committee or any member of a committee in regard to the expenditure of the funds entrusted to them, for personally he knows them to be men of sterling worth—men who have sacrificed time and money for the city's welfare.

GEO. H. HAYDEN.

I notice in last night's Gazette a communication from Mr. Wedderburn. I would like to ask by what rule he figures out my part of the \$800 to be 4 cents when he knows full well there are thousands from whom there is not one cent of taxes collected. In regard to the large tax payers if they want to contribute, that is their privilege. If I was a millionaire I could well afford some of my surplus in this way but I would have no right to compel the man who

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